

For the Record – Press Statements

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Reporter	Heather Large
Headline	Cases of c.diff at hospital fall 60pc
First paragraph/s of article	The number of cases of superbug c.diff reported at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has fallen by 60 per cent, new figures reveal.
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	NA
Press enquiry	<p>The reporter has seen the Trust's risk rating on the Monitor website change from amber red to amber green and thinks this is due to C. diff figures.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a drop in the number of cases? 2. If so how many have there been? 3. How much has been invested in the hydrogen peroxide vapour machines?
Also issued to:	NA
Trust response	
<p>We are very pleased with the efforts of staff helping to protect our patients from infection, and that this is reflected in Monitor changing our rating from amber-red to amber green.</p> <p>The Trust has had no cases of MRSA Bacteraemia (blood stream infections) in the 12 month period from June 2011 to June 2012.</p> <p>Cases of C. diff have come down from 38 in the first quarter of 2011-12 (April to June) to 14 in the first quarter of 2012-13</p> <p>Helping us to reduce cases of infection in hospital has been the purchase of two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines, also called fogging machines, which decontaminate rooms after episodes of C. diff.</p> <p>The vapour machines cost £69,000.</p>	